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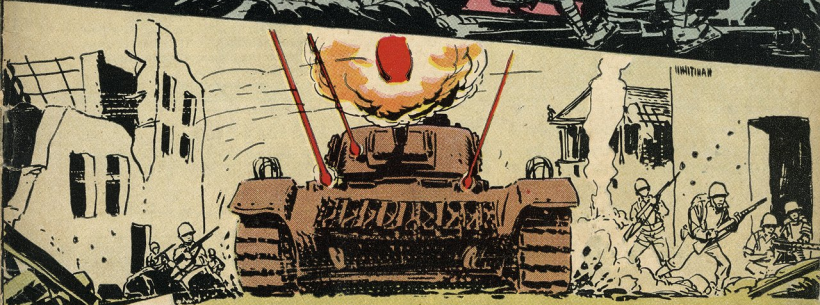
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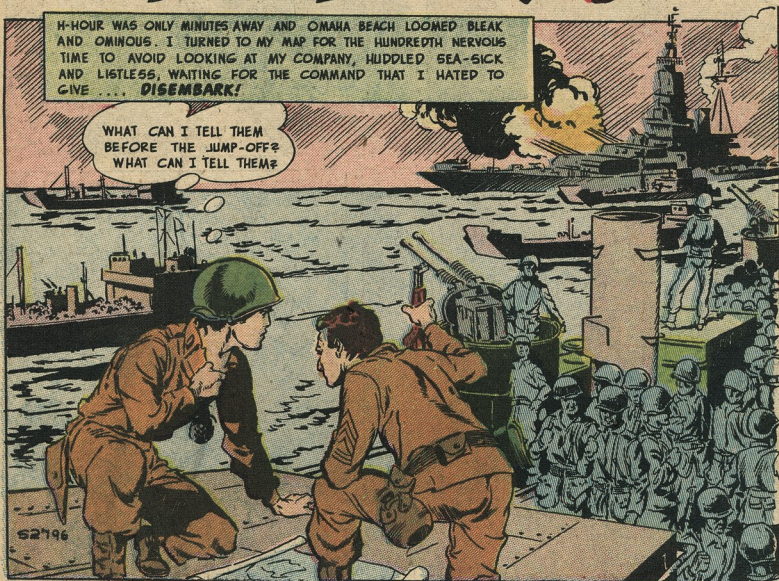
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# D-DAY!

H-HOUR WAS ONLY MINUTES AWAY AND OMAHA BEACH LOOMED BLEAK AND OMINOUS. I TURNED TO MY MAP FOR THE HUNDRETH NERVOUS TIME TO AVOID LOOKING AT MY COMPANY, HUDDLED SEA-SICK AND LISTLESS, WAITING FOR THE COMMAND THAT I HATED TO GIVE ... **DISSEMBARK!**

WHAT CAN I TELL THEM  
BEFORE THE JUMP-OFF?  
WHAT CAN I TELL THEM?



I TURNED TO SKIPPER BARNES. WE HAD BECOME QUITE CLOSE DURING THE THIRTY-SIX HOUR CROSSING...

IT WAS SERGEANT BRADE, TOUGH, REALISTIC, UNSENTIMENTAL ... I COULDN'T HELP EXPLODING!

BOY, JUST TELL 'EM THEY'VE GOT THE BIGGEST ARMY AND NAVY IN THE WORLD BEHIND THEM... AND NOBODY'S GOING TO LET THEM DOWN... EVERYBODY'S BEHIND THEM!

YEAH, WAY BEHIND US! SO FAR BACK THEY MIGHT AS WELL BE IN LONDON!



AT EASE, SERGEANT! UNLESS YOU'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA, KEEP YOUR LIP BUTTONED!

YES SIR, BUT I'M TELLING YOU THE MEN WON'T SWALLOW IT! THIS EVERYBODY-BEHIND-US BUSINESS CAN STRETCH MIGHTY THIN WHEN YOU'RE UNDER FIRE!

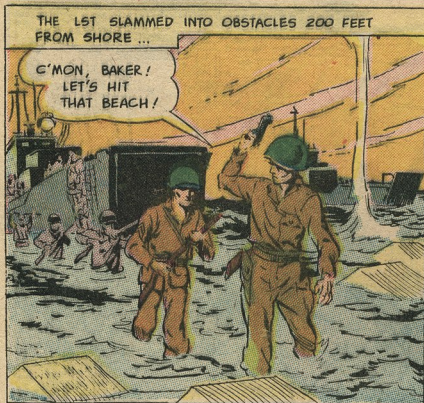
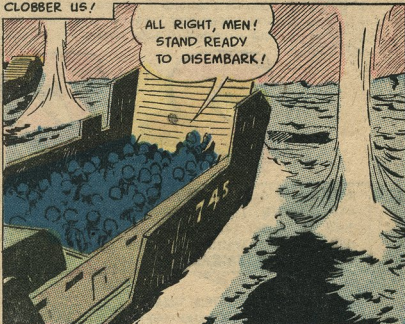




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AS WE NEARED THE BEACH, JERRY 155'S BEGAN TO CLOBBER US!





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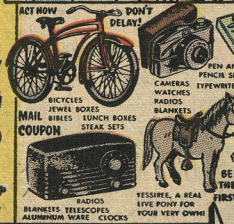
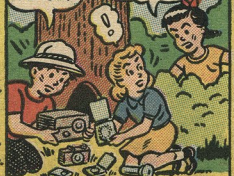
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MOMENTS LATER...

...TEN MISERABLE  
ROUNDS PER MAN,  
PLUS A FEW GRENADES!  
REMEMBER WE CAME  
OFF THAT 1ST LIGHT,  
BECAUSE THE WATER  
WAS SO DEEP!

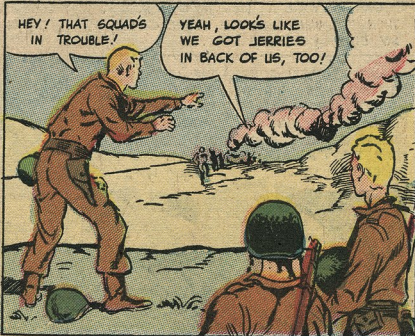
WHEW! THAT WON'T HOLD  
JERRY MORE'N A FEW  
MINUTES... AND I EXPECT  
A COUNTERATTACK!  
GET A SQUAD DOWN  
TO THE BEACH TO  
PICK UP MORE AMMO  
AND SUPPLIES!



WHEN THE SQUAD WAS A HUNDRED YARDS OUT...

HEY! THAT SQUAD'S  
IN TROUBLE!

YEAH, LOOKS LIKE  
WE GOT JERRIES  
IN BACK OF US, TOO!



AFTER THE SQUAD PULLED BACK...

WE'RE SURROUNDED, LIEUTENANT!  
WE RAN INTO A WHOLE BATCH  
OF NAZIS WITH HEAVY WEAPONS!  
THE COMPANY'LL HAVE TO MAKE  
A BREAK FOR IT BACK TO THE  
BEACH! IT'S OUR  
ONLY CHANCE!

WE STAY HERE, SERGEANT!  
WE'LL HOLD THIS POSITION  
IF WE HAVE TO DO IT  
WITH OUR BARE HANDS!



DUSK CAME, AND WITH IT CAME HOPELESSNESS!

I'VE TRIED FOR  
HOURS! I CAN'T  
RAISE ANYONE  
ON THE BEACH!

THESE MORTARS ARE  
GETTING CLOSER AND  
IT'S ONLY THE PRELIM...  
BEFORE THEY SWARM  
ALL OVER US!

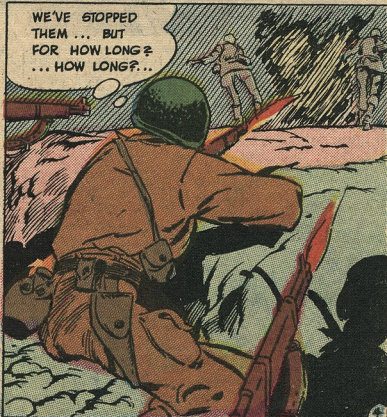


THIS WAS IT! THE COUNTERATTACK WE'D BEEN  
SWEATING OUT!

DON'T FIRE UNTIL  
YOU CAN SEE  
THEIR TONSILS!



WE'VE STOPPED  
THEM... BUT  
FOR HOW LONG?  
... HOW LONG?..





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THE HOURS DRAGGED. NIGHT CAME AND BEGAN TO WANE ... LIKE MY OWN HOPES. THEN THE WEIGHT OF THE FLARE GUN AT MY SIDE REMINDED ME ...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, LIEUTENANT? YOU'LL BRING THE JERRIES DOWN ON OUR NECK ... AND WE DON'T HAVE A ROUND LEFT!

THE JERRIES WON'T ATTACK UNTIL MORNING! MEANTIME WE'LL HAVE TO RISK THIS ... IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!



I FIRED! ALL MY HOPES WENT INTO **THOSE THREE GREEN** FLARES POKING AT THE SKY! GREEN... BECAUSE THOSE HAD BEEN THE FIRST SHELLS TO COME TO HAND, AND I COULDN'T RISK ANY MORE POSITION-REVEALING SHOTS!



BUT NOTHING HAPPENED! DAWN ROLLED UP THE NIGHT AND THEN...

LIEUTENANT, JERRIES COMING THIS WAY! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

DO? FIX BAYONETS, PRAY AND WAIT! AFTER THAT WE'VE GOT OUR FISTS!



HOLD IT, BAKER COMPANY! DON'T FIRE! WE'VE BROUGHT YOUR SUPPLIES UP WITH SOME OF THESE JERRIES TO SHOW US THE WAY!

SKIPPER BARNES?! ... THEN YOU SAW MY FLARES!



SURE, SURE, I SAW THE RED FLARES! THREE WASN'T IT? I KNEW YOU LEFT HALF YOUR STUFF ABOARD SHIP SO I HUSTLED MY CREW ALONG ... JUST IN THE NICK, EH?

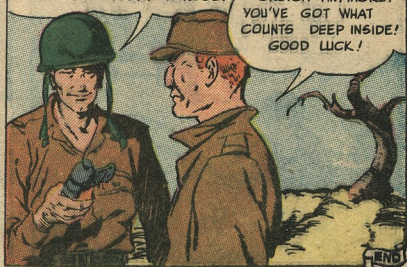
THE FLARES WERE GREEN, NOT RED! HE NEVER SAW THEM, THE OLD FOX! HE KNEW HE'D BE NEEDED WITHOUT SEEING THEM ... AND MEANTIME, JUST SETTING THEM OFF, GAVE ME THE SHOT IN THE ARM I NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO HANG ON!



WHEN WE WERE READY TO PUSH AGAIN...

THANKS, SKIPPER, BUT I WON'T NEED THIS ANYMORE! GIVE IT TO THE NEXT GREEN C.O. YOU FERRY ACROSS!

I'LL DO THAT, BOY! I CAN TELL YOU DON'T NEED THIS CRUTCH ANYMORE! YOU'VE GOT WHAT COUNTS DEEP INSIDE! GOOD LUCK!

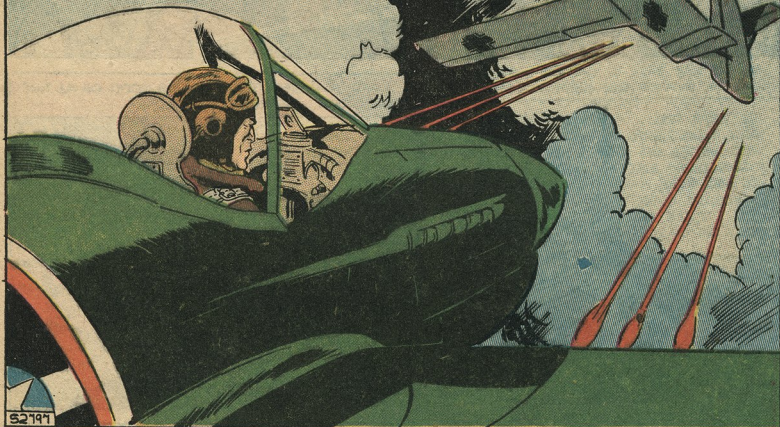


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# D-DAY PLUS SEVEN

I BANKED TIGHTLY AND CAME DOWN ON THE MESSERSCHMIDT'S TAIL! THIS WAS THE MOMENT I HAD WAITED FOR, THE MOMENT I HAD BEEN TRAINED FOR! MY SIGHTS LINED AND I LET GO WITH EVERY GUN I HAD!



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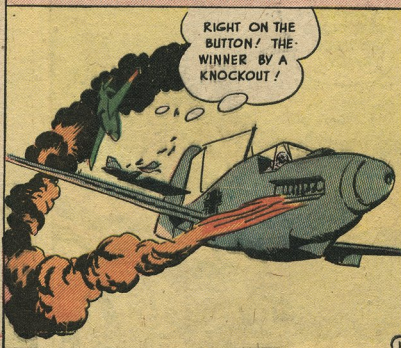
TRACERS LICKED OUT TOWARD THE JERRY PLANE...

I'M GOING TO HANG ON EVEN IF IT TAKES ME TO THE GROUND!



... AND THEN THEY STRUCK HOME!...

RIGHT ON THE BUTTON! THE WINNER BY A KNOCKOUT!





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I WAS FEELING FINE NOW! BUT ONLY A WEEK AGO IN LONDON...

LOOK AT THE FLY-BOYS, MAC! FEATHER BEDS, STEAKS AND A SIX DAY PASS EVERY WEEK!

YEAH, THEY'LL BE UPSTAIRS GETTING A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE WAR WHILE WE SLUG IT OUT IN THE MUD!



ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE AIR BASE I BENT MY BUDDY'S EAR JUSTIFYING MYSELF!

THE WAY I FEEL ... WHEN A MAN FIGHTS HE'S BETTER OFF BEING ALONE. JUST YOU AND YOUR PLANE ... NOBODY IN THE NEXT FOXHOLE TO GOOF OFF ON YOU!

MAYBE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE! I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT! ME, I JUST LIKE TO FLY!



MEANWHILE, JUST BENEATH ME, ALONG THE HEDGEROWS BEFORE SAINT LO...

C'MON YOU DOGFACES! GET THOSE GRENADES READY!



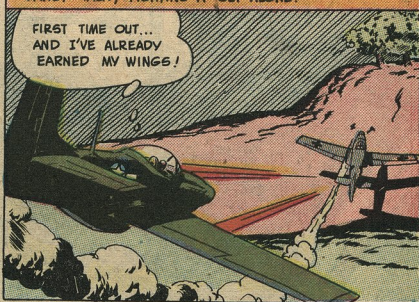
THOSE G.I.'S SURE HAVE IT ROUGH! YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM FOR THINKING WE HAVE A SOFT TOUCH!

IF THEY COULD'VE QUALIFIED FOR FLYING, THEY WOULD HAVE! I KNOW I BROKE MY BACK TO GET OFF THE GROUND AND FLY! I DIDN'T WANT ANY PART OF THEIR KIND OF WAR!



... AND NOW HERE I WAS MAKING GOOD ON ALL THAT FANCY TALK, FIGHTING IT OUT ALONE!

FIRST TIME OUT... AND I'VE ALREADY EARNED MY WINGS!



HEY, YOU FLY-BOY! NICE WORK!

MOVE ALONG, YOU RUBBERNECKS! WE GOT A WAR TO WIN!





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THEY'RE PULLING OUT! HIT THEIR POSITIONS AND HOLD ON! WE'RE GOING TO STAY HERE!



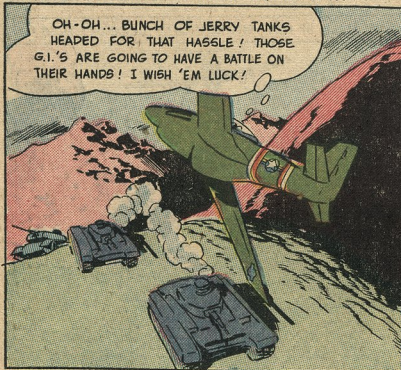
MY JOB DONE, I PULLED OUT OF THE LONG DIVE, JUST SKIMMING TREE TOPS!

LOOKS LIKE OUR BOYS ARE DOING A BANG-UP JOB DOWN THERE! **HMPF!** ALL THAT MUD! NO, THANK YOU ... I'LL STAY UP HERE!

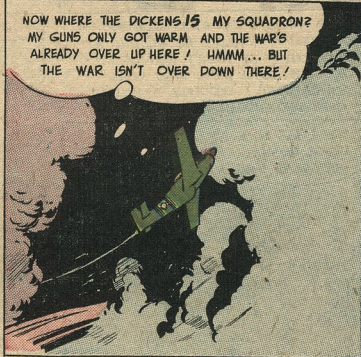


BUT AS I ZOOMED TO JOIN MY SQUADRON ...

OH-OH... BUNCH OF JERRY TANKS HEADED FOR THAT HASSLE! THOSE G.I.'S ARE GOING TO HAVE A BATTLE ON THEIR HANDS! I WISH 'EM LUCK!



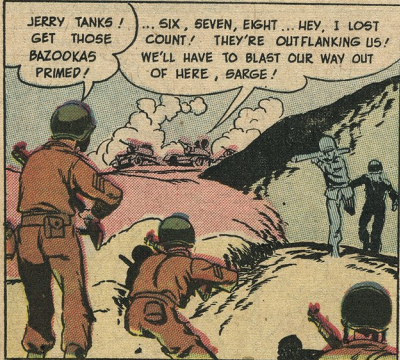
NOW WHERE THE DICKENS IS MY SQUADRON? MY GUNS ONLY GOT WARM AND THE WAR'S ALREADY OVER UP HERE! HMMM... BUT THE WAR ISN'T OVER DOWN THERE!



AT THAT MOMENT, DOWN BELOW...

JERRY TANKS! GET THOSE BAZOOKAS PRIMED!

... SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT ... HEY, I LOST COUNT! THEY'RE OUTFLANKING US! WE'LL HAVE TO BLAST OUR WAY OUT OF HERE, SARGE!

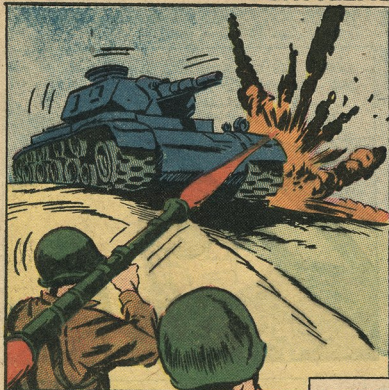


**FIRE!**





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AND THERE I WAS STILL CRUISING OVERHEAD! WOULD I BE STICKING MY NECK OUT? IT WASN'T PART OF MY MISSION... STILL THOSE TANKS WERE ENEMY TANKS! SUDDENLY I ROLLED OVER AND NOSED DOWN!



THERE ARE NO SEPARATE WARS! UP OR DOWN ... AN ENEMY TARGET IS STILL A TARGET!

MY CRATE SHOOK UNDER THE BLAST THAT SENT FOUR TANKS TO THE SCRAP HEAP!

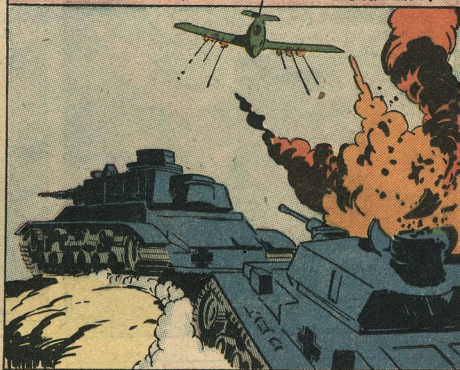


WE KEEP LOBBIN' 'EM IN... EVERYONE A DIRECT HIT, BUT NOTHING HAPPENS! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, SARGE?

THOSE PANZERS ARE TOO HEAVY... MIGHT AS WELL BE HITTING THEM WITH POP BOTTLES! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A BREAK OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY GET US!



THEY WERE LINED UP LIKE SITTING DUCKS! I COULDN'T MISS!



I ROLLED IN AGAIN, LEAVING A TRAIL OF FLAMES AND TWISTED STEEL!



GET 'EM, FLY-BOY!



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THEN IT HAPPENED! A JERRY SLUG CAUGHT MY MOTOR! ALL I HAD TIME TO FEEL WAS ANGER AND BITTERNESS!

I HAD TO BE A HERO! THE AIR WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! I'LL BE LUCKY IF I EVER GET OUT OF THIS!



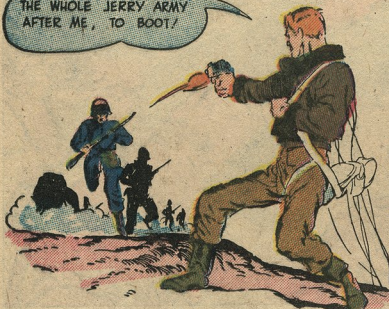
I ROLLED THE PLANE OVER AND DIVED OUT, HEAD FIRST...

I...I MADE IT! NOW I'VE GOT TO WORRY ABOUT JERRIES CRAWLING AROUND IN THESE HEDGEROWS! WHY DIDN'T I STAY UP IN THE AIR WHERE I BELONGED!



BEFORE I COULD EVEN LOOSEN MY CHUTE...

LOOKS LIKE I'M IN THE INFANTRY AFTER ALL! WITH THE WHOLE JERRY ARMY AFTER ME, TO BOOT!



MY LAST CARTRIDGE GONE, I WAITED FOR THE FINISH! WHEN SUDDENLY---

HIT THE GROUND, CAPTAIN! WE'LL KNOCK THOSE JERRIES OFF!



SOME TIME LATER...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE MUD, CAPTAIN! IT WASHES OUT! BY THE WAY, THANKS FOR TAKING THOSE PANZERS OFF OUR NECK! TOO BAD YOU GOT YOURSELF SMASHED UP WHILE YOU WERE AT IT!

YOU HAVE A BIG CHUNK OF THANKS COMING YOUR WAY TOO! YOU FELLOWS PULLED ME OUT FROM RIGHT UNDER THE JERRIES' NOSES!



THEN I HEARD SOMETHING I KNEW I'D NEVER FORGET!

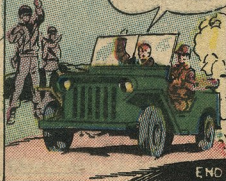
ONE THING WE'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND, CAPTAIN... HOW YOU STAND IT UP THERE ALONE, A TARGET FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO TAKE A POTSHOT AT YOU! PRETTY SCAREY, ISN'T IT? ... GIVE ME LOTS OF MUD AND PLENTY OF "UGLY" DOG-FACES FOR COMPANY, ANYTIME!

THEY FEEL SORRY FOR ME ... AND I THOUGHT THEY ENVIED ME!



SO LONG, CAPTAIN! NEXT TIME YOU VISIT, MAKE IT A SOCIAL CALL! TILL THEN STAY UP IN THAT SKY!

ROGER! BUT IF I HAVE TO BAIL OUT AGAIN, I KNOW WHO'LL BE WAITING DOWNSTAIRS TO CATCH ME!



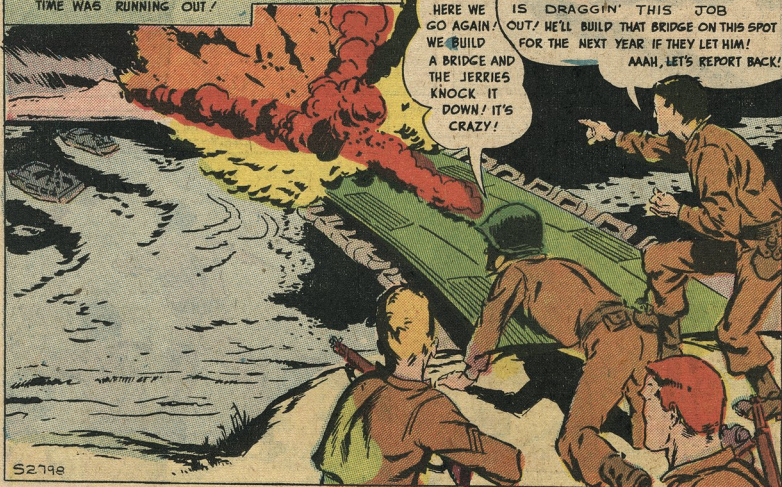


# D-DAY PLUS TWENTY THREE

AGAIN GERMAN DEMOLITION MEN AND PT. BOATS STRUCK SAVAGELY, THE THIRD TIME IN AS MANY DAYS, PREVENTING AN ARMORED TASK FORCE FROM VAULTING THE ORNE RIVER AND CRUSHING THE RETREATING WEHRMACHT! WOULD OUR ENGINEERS EVER GET A BRIDGE ACROSS? TIME WAS RUNNING OUT!

WHAM! HERE WE GO AGAIN! WE BUILD A BRIDGE AND THE JERRIES KNOCK IT DOWN! IT'S CRAZY!

MAYBE, BUT OUR C.O. SURE IS DRAGGIN' THIS JOB OUT! WE'LL BUILD THAT BRIDGE ON THIS SPOT FOR THE NEXT YEAR IF THEY LET HIM! MAH, LET'S REPORT BACK!



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BY THE TIME I GOT BACK TO OUR CP I WAS BOILING!

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, SERGEANT MARTIN! THOSE WERE MY ORDERS! I HAD TO GO ACCORDING TO THEIR PLANS ... AND THEY STILL WANT A BRIDGE ON THIS SITE! BUT ..... I'M FREE TO USE MY OWN PLANS AND I THINK I'VE GOT THE PROBLEM LICKED! LET ME SHOW YOU!

YEAH, IF IT'S ANYTHING LIKE THOSE OTHER PLANS WE'LL BE SITIN' HERE FOR MONTHS!



DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE THESE PLANS, SERGEANT?

NOT NOW SIR! AN EMERGENCY JUST CAME UP! WE'VE GOT ANOTHER BRIDGE TO BUILD FOR JERRY TARGET PRACTICE!





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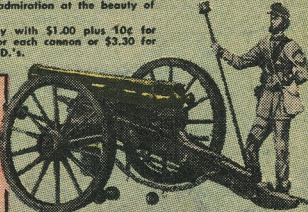
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# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

JUST AS I LEFT THE CP---

THE JERRIES DIDN'T HAVE MANY PLANES... BUT EVEN ONE WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH!



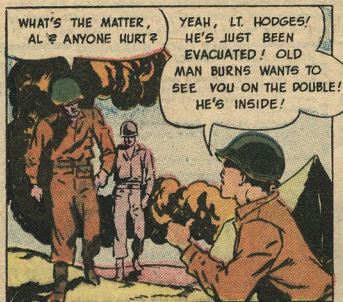
NAZI PLANES!  
THEY'RE STRAFIN'!

ALL RIGHT, MEN! DIVE  
FOR THOSE HOLES!  
TAKE COVER!



I THOUGHT THEY KNOCKED  
THE LUFTWAFFE OUT OF THE  
AIR A WEEK AGO!

AAAAH, THEY'RE ONLY  
NUISANCE VALUE!  
YOU WOULDN'T SEE  
THAT BED CHECKER  
AROUND DURING  
THE DAY!



WHAT'S THE MATTER,  
AL? ANYONE HURT?

YEAH, LT. HODGES!  
HE'S JUST BEEN  
EVACUATED! OLD  
MAN BURNS WANTS TO  
SEE YOU ON THE DOUBLE!  
HE'S INSIDE!



I WONDERED WHAT THE BATTALION COMMANDER WANTED!  
IT FIGURED IT WAS THE ONE JOB I HATED... BREAKING  
IN A NEW C.O.!

I'M SORRY  
ABOUT LT.  
HODGES,  
MAJOR!

YES, HE WAS A GOOD OFFICER... WE  
COULDN'T AFFORD TO LOSE HIM!  
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO SEE YOU  
ABOUT SGT. MARTIN! THINK YOU  
CAN RUN THIS COMPANY?



ME...?  
LT. HODGES  
RECOMMENDED  
ME?

THAT'S RIGHT! HE THOUGHT  
YOU WERE THE BEST  
SOLDIER IN THE COMPANY!  
COME ON! CUT OUT THE  
MODESTY ACT!  
YOU'RE AN OFFICER NOW, LT. MARTIN!  
THE ORDERS ARE GOING IN FOR A  
BATTLEFIELD COMMISSION TODAY! NOW  
GET THOSE STRIPES OFF! I'VE GOT  
BARS TO REPLACE THEM!



AFTER A SHORT BRIEFING...

REMEMBER, WE CAN'T STALL ANY LONGER! ARMOR'S  
ON MY NECK TO GET THEM ACROSS THE ORNE!  
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BRIDGE BY TOMORROW,  
WE'LL HAVE TO CARRY THOSE TANKS  
ACROSS ON OUR BACKS!



# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

WHEN I RETURNED TO MY MEN ---

IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED TO A BETTER MAN! CONGRATULATIONS, SIR! WE'RE ALL PROUD OF YOU!

THANKS! AND I COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER COMPANY! BUT THESE BARS WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE! I'M STILL THE SAME ORNERY CUSS!



NOW I HAD COMMAND! HOW WAS I GOING TO KNOCK OFF A PROBLEM THAT HAD FLOORED AN EXPERIENCED OFFICER?

THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME, LIEUTENANT! ... ONLY A DAY, THE MAJOR SAID! HOW ARE WE GONNA GET THAT BRIDGE ACROSS?

I SHOT MY BIG MOUTH OFF DOWN AT THE RIVER, AL, BUT THAT'S ALL IT WAS ... JUST TALK! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! I'VE GOT TO HAVE TIME TO THINK THIS OUT! GIVE ME AN HOUR... THEN I'LL MEET ALL THE NCO'S!



I WRACKED MY MEMORY FOR EVERY LESSON IN TACTICS AND STRATEGY I HAD EVER LEARNED. IT WAS NO USE! THEN ... SUDDENLY ---

NO, NONE OF THOSE THINGS WOULD WORK! I'VE GOT TO ... HEY WHAT'S THIS? ... LT. HODGES' PLANS!



THIS IS TERRIFIC ... IT'S GOT TO WORK! AND I THOUGHT HE HAD NO IMAGINATION!



I GOT THE COMPANY WORKING LIKE BEAVERS ON A BAILEY BRIDGE!

I NEVER BUILT A BRIDGE THIS WAY, LIEUTENANT, BUT I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY! IT SHOULD BE FINISHED IN AN HOUR!

SWELL! WE'LL BEGIN ROLLING IT OUT OVER PONTOONS JUST AS NIGHT FALLS. MEANTIME I'LL NEED ALL THE DEMOLITIONS WE CAN SPARE AND SOME RUBBER BOATS!



AL, GET THE WORD TO THAT ARMOR TO START ROLLING IN FIFTEEN MINUTES! WE'LL TRY TO HOLD A BRIDGE HEAD ON THE OTHER SIDE UNTIL THEY COME!

I'M ON MY WAY! I'LL BE BACK IN THE PONTOONS WITH MY MEN IN FIVE MINUTES!





# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

THE BAILEY BIT INTO LAND BEFORE THE JERRIES KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING!

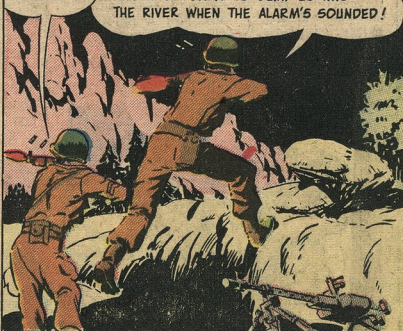


ACH!...LOOK, THE BRIDGE! THE AMERIKANER ARE ACROSS!

THEY'RE OFF GUARD! QUICK, SLAM INTO 'EM!

THEY'RE ON THE LAM!

WE HAVE TO HOLD THIS DUGOUT! THEY'LL BE BACK TO DUMP US INTO THE RIVER WHEN THE ALARM'S SOUNDED!



SOON THE JERRIES CAME SWARMING BACK IN FORCE / BUT BEHIND THERE WAS AN UNMISTAKABLE WELCOME ROAR!

THERE MUST BE A WHOLE BATTALION ATTACKING! HOW CAN WE STOP 'EM?

WE'VE GOT TO HOLD 'EM FOR A FEW MORE MINUTES! I HEAR OUR TANKS ... THEY'RE ON THE WAY!



THEN OUR ARMOR SLASHED ACROSS!

OH... LOOK AT THOSE BABIES ROLL! WE DID IT! WE DID IT!

BACK TO THE PONTOONS! I'M EXPECTING MORE TROUBLE! WE'LL HAVE MORE TIME TO CELEBRATE LATER!



EVERYTHING QUIET SIR! NO SIGN OF ANY JERRY DEMO TEAMS, YET!

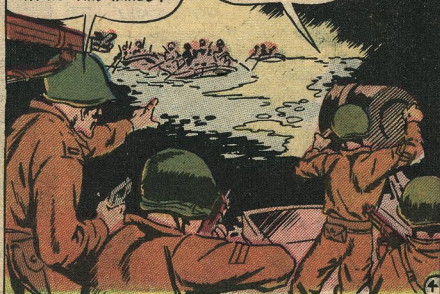
GREAT! KEEP LOW AND WATCH THE RIVER! WE'RE JOINING YOU! MAKE ROOM!



WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT VERY LONG... AND WE HAD THEM FROZEN IN OUR SIGHTS!

POUR IT ON! AIM FOR THOSE DEMOLITION PACKS AND MINES!

WHAT A TARGET! WE CAN'T MISS!





# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

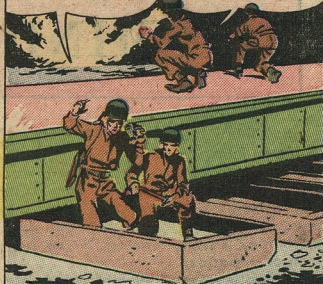
OUR SLUGS STRUCK HOME, AND THEN WITH A ROAR THAT SHOOK THE ENTIRE RIVER---



THE RUMBLE HAD HARDLY DIED AWAY WHEN---

LIEUTENANT MARTIN...!  
PT. BOATS HEADED THIS  
WAY... THIS SIDE  
OF THE BRIDGE!

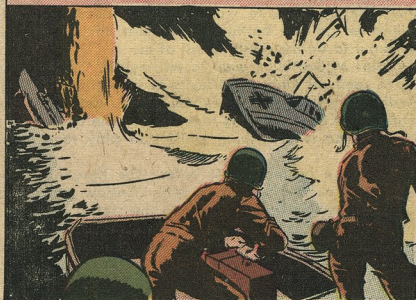
GET SET, AL...  
YOU HANDLE THE  
DETONATOR! LISTEN  
FOR MY SIGNAL!



MY EYES BURNED AS I WATCHED THE GAP  
CLOSE! WHEN THE TORPEDO CRAFT WERE  
THREE HUNDRED YARDS AWAY---



THE POWERFUL DEMOLITIONS WE HAD STRUNG UNDERWATER  
RIPPED THE CRAFT TO SPLINTERS, AND WITH THEM WENT  
THE JERRIES LAST CHANCE TO DESTROY OUR BRIDGE!



THE NEXT MORNING IN OUR NEW C.P. ACROSS  
THE ORNE ---

WAIT A SECOND,  
MAJOR! LET ME  
EX...

I TOLD YOU ONCE BEFORE  
TO FORGET THIS MODESTY  
BUSINESS! I'LL SAY IT AGAIN!  
THAT OPERATION LAST NIGHT  
WAS ONE OF THE MOST  
BRILLIANT PIECES OF STRATEGY  
IN THE ANNALS OF COMBAT  
ENGINEERING. I'M PUTTING YOU  
IN FOR AN AWARD!



MAJOR, I'D FEEL BETTER  
IF YOU PUT THAT AWARD  
IN FOR LT. HODGES!  
SEE, THEY WERE HIS  
PLANS! MY MEN AND  
I ONLY CARRIED  
THE BALL!

I KNOW ABOUT THOSE  
PLANS, MARTIN, BUT IT  
TOOK GUTS AND  
INITIATIVE TO CARRY  
THEM OUT! ALL THE  
PLANS IN THE WORLD  
WON'T WORK WITHOUT  
OFFICERS LIKE YOU TO  
SEE THEM THROUGH!



END



# LIEUTENANT MIND READER

If you know anything about the army, then you will agree with me that in the platoon, the fellow who counts the most is the master sergeant. Now I'm not making that big statement because I happen to hold the rank. Just put it up to any private, whether he be an enlisted man or a draftee.

My job is to see that the soldiers are satisfied and are in top one condition. That means I have to take the big complaints to the First Lieutenant and work with him. Then when he gives orders, I have to see that they are carried out. We all have to work together, because when we go into battle, the weakest link can turn out to be the death of all of us.

"Burt McGrath," I used to tell myself. "You have seen all kinds of officers in your fifteen years of service. And you know how to get on with all of them. The big trick is to let the officer feel he is everything while you play the cards."

We were in Japan just before the Korean Incident broke out. Lieutenant John Winslow got orders to report back at once to the states. In his place we got Lieutenant Tracy Morgan. Second Lieutenant Bob Hewitt was sort of a fixture with us. He was waiting for the day when he would get his promotion to first Lieutenant.

So, as I said, we got Lieutenant Tracy Morgan. He was a small thin man. We have what we call "the guessing game." Not hard to play because the possibilities are limited. Was he a West Pointer? Did he come up from the ranks? Was he one who got his commission through the National Guards? Did he go to one of the specialty schools? Did he get a commission while at college and then go on to the active reserves?

We had him with us for two days when he sent for me. I wanted to give him a complaint. He beat me to it.

"Sergeant McGrath," He began with a little smile playing all over his lips. That smile was soon going to get famous. "You came in here to tell me the weather is unbearable. That the men would like to go swimming. We can't leave. But you can use those two large portablepeek into us and read our thoughts. We did

tanks as swimming pools. Fill them up with water and check with the medical officers."

Three hours later we were all having a good time. Sure, we were grateful to an officer who understood what we wanted, but this was just the beginning. We were going to learn we had an officer who was a mind reader; it happened two days later. Private Dave Ludlow had the bad luck. So I went to see the Lieutenant. He gave me that little smile.

"Good soldier, Private Ludlow. Too bad his wife is in the hospital. Here's a pass for two weeks and a priority order for the first flight out. His wife needs him. It will keep her alive."

Poor Private Ludlow did his best to thank me for the break. I told him and the rest of the boys the story. It was then that Private Frank Casey coined the nickname for our officer.

"Lieutenant Mind Reader," that was how it came from Casey's lips. And we sort of liked it. We had an officer that was different. Yeah. But you can see what we were all up against! Normally we try to figure out the next move of the officer. But here was a man who seemed to read your very mind and also take a peek into the future. I would say it was the Ishti Tragedy, as the papers called it, that convinced us we would follow Lieutenant into the jaws of Death.

Six of the soldiers, including myself, got three day leave passes from Lieutenant Bob Hewitt. We were all piled high in a jeep when along comes Lieutenant Mind Reader.

"You fellows are going to take a trip across the bay," he said.

"Perfect mind reading," smiled back one of the soldiers.

Then came that famous little smile of his. But the voice was harsh and firm.

"You plan to take that ferry. It will be overloaded. Look up into the sky. One big squall and the ferry will overturn. You won't have a chance. Sorry, but I am going to cancel those leaves."

Sure there was hate in our hearts at that moment. If we could only have said the things we wanted, but we had to be careful. He might



look crestfallen.

"I'll give you those passes next week end," he said. "But not for the trip on the ferry."

I was sleeping and having a swell dream. All about a big yacht. A hand grabs me. Private Fred Scafalid is waking me up from that enjoyable trip on my own yacht.

"Sarg," he is half yelling. "It just came over the radio. They never had a chance. A big squall came and the ferry capsized. Went right over completely. We would have been dead ducks if we were on it."

Soon there were six of us wide awake. No use trying to get any more sleep the rest of the night. So we were all ready for breakfast ahead of anybody else. Then we waited for the Lieutenant. I was the spokesman. When he came I started to say my piece.

"The fellows want me," I began.

"To say thanks," he finished the sentence for me. Then he added, "For what? It's good to be alive and let us try to stay that way. You and the rest take the day off. You need it for your nerves. I have some paper work to do."

The story about that ferry soon spread. We were sure the high brass must have heard it. Then Major Bushnell asked me to do a special favor for him. I had to go to the city and buy some presents he wanted to send back to the states. He was in a joyful mood at the good shopping I had done for him.

"Anything I can do for you, go ahead and ask it," he remarked.

"Was Lieutenant Morgan ever a mind reader?" I asked.

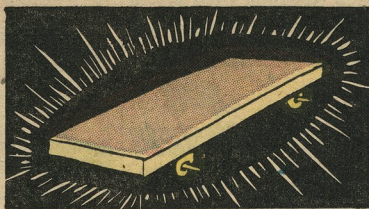
He hesitated before replying, as if he was speaking to himself. Then he gave me the answer.

"Ever heard of Morgan the Magnificent? He did a mind reading act on the stage. Lieutenant Morgan is his son. When he was little he helped his father. Nothing mysterious about it. They used tricks. But they were very observant. Lucky you fellows have him. Otherwise your numbers might have been called long ago."

Two days later the Reds started their push in Korea. Then we were flown with others in the emergency to a field outside of Semchack. The heavy equipment was being sent over in transports and landing boats. Our job was to try to stem the tide. We fought side by side with the plucky soldiers of the South Korean Army, but it was like trying to hold back an avalanche. We made them pay dearly for every inch of territory that they took. The roads were jammed to capacity with refugees fleeing the oncoming hordes.

Near Taegu we put up a stiff resistance. Major Poo sent for Lieutenant Morgan.

"Send out a patrol and see if you can bring in some of the Reds. Maybe we can get some valuable information."



The Lieutenant sent for me and told me the news. I picked four of our boys. Then the son of Morgan the Magnificent became magnificent.

"You figure you will never get back alive. And that I am sending you out to certain death. I have no choice but to obey orders. The same goes for you. But I am going with you on that patrol. Lieutenant Hewitt will take over."

There weren't many men left in fighting condition in our platoon. And when the sun was setting we started to crawl along the ground on our bellies. We didn't even have a protective screen of artillery to help us. Six of us going out and knowing it probably would be the end for all of us.

We kept on going over the ground until we hit a big gully. Then we stopped for a rest.

"The Reds are right over the other side," said the Lieutenant.

"He's right," I told the boys. "Notice the empty cartridge shells. I'm becoming a mind reader. The Reds were here and they are right on the other side."

"Then do a complete job of mind reading," smiled the Lieutenant. "The earth to the side is of a slightly different color. Why? It was turned over and something buried. There's a booby trap for the Reds."

He was right! We dug carefully and took out a land mine. It was dark and we planted it at a distance from us. Then we waited all night long. Just before the sun came up we exploded it. About twenty Reds came to look.

We took them back to our lines.

The information they gave was helpful and soon we got our big guns to give us an assist. Then we went on the offensive. We were all together through that Korean fighting. When it was over I spoke to Lieutenant, pardon me, I mean Captain Morgan.

"If you ever go back to civilian life and put on a mind reading act . . ."

"You would like to be my partner," he smiled. "O.K. But hide that book on mind reading you have been carrying with you. It's a give-away."

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SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY HAVEN'T THESE NAZIS BEEN SENT BACK TO THE 'CAGE'? I TOLD YOU MEN TO STOP SNOOPING AROUND WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!

BUT COLONEL, THESE ARE NEW PRISONERS THE REGIMENT BAGGED AND WE'RE GETTING VALUABLE INFO FROM THEM ABOUT THE TERRAIN AHEAD OF US!



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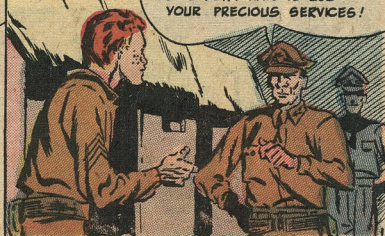
I RAN MY HEAD AGAINST A STONE WALL TRYING TO EXPLAIN!

COLONEL, I'VE QUESTIONED HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS! I KNOW I CAN GET THEM TO TALK AND TELL US WHAT WE ...

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO HAND ME, SERGEANT? THESE LYING NAZIS DON'T KNOW A THING WE DON'T ALREADY KNOW! JUST SEE IF YOU CAN PICK UP SOME GOOD SOUVENIRS ... THAT'S ALL YOU'RE USEFUL FOR!

BUT COLONEL, YOU NEED THAT INFO ABOUT THE SIEGFRIED LINE ...

AT EASE, SERGEANT!! DO YOU THINK I'D DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH YOU? GET RID OF THOSE PRISONERS, PRONTO, AND STAY OUT OF MY WAY! I'M ONLY KEEPING YOU HERE BECAUSE YOU WERE ATTACHED BY H.Q.! BUT I DON'T HAVE TO USE YOUR PRECIOUS SERVICES!





# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

WHEN "OLD IRON PANTS" HAD SHOT HIS LAST THUNDERBOLT...

OF ALL THE OUTFITS TO BE ATTACHED TO--- ANY OTHER REGIMENT WOULD WELCOME US... BUT NO... GRANITE FACE RELIES ON INTUITION, NOT INFORMATION!

LET'S PULL OUT, SARGE! WE'LL GET BACK TO HEADQUARTERS AND GET ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT! WE DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THIS!



NO, WE'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE 101ST TO DO A JOB AND WE'LL STAY HERE AND GET IT DONE! NOW HERE'S THE SITUATION MAP! WHAT DO WE HAVE TO FIND OUT?

MINE FIELDS, WEAPONS, ENEMY STRENGTH, REINFORCEMENTS AND PLANS! HOW DO YOU FIGURE YOU'RE GOING TO DO THIS IF THEY WON'T LET US INTERROGATE THEIR PRISONERS?



C'MON, WE'LL GET OUR OWN PRISONERS! WE'RE GOING TO PAY JERRY A VISIT TONIGHT!

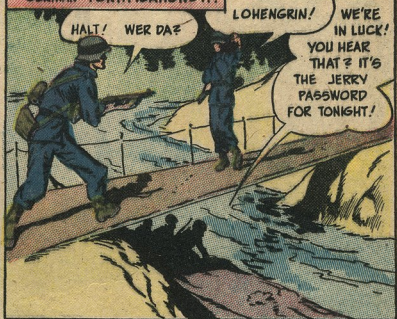
SOUNDS WHACKY... AND IT ISN'T OUR JOB TO HUNT JERRIES, BUT I'M GAME! LET'S GO!



WE CROSSED OUR OWN LINES AND SNAKED INTO THE GERMAN FORTIFICATIONS...

HALT! WER DA?

LOHENGRIN! WE'RE IN LUCK! YOU HEAR THAT? IT'S THE JERRY PASSWORD FOR TONIGHT!



A HALF HOUR LATER ---

NOTICE HOW THESE PILL BOXES ALL HAVE THEIR FIRING HOLES FACING FRONT, WITH THE ENTRANCE AT THE REAR! WE COULD BUST IN BEFORE THEY KNEW IT!

YEH! BUT NOT THIS ONE! WE'LL CRACK AN ISO-LATED ONE AHEAD! BUT THAT REAR ENTRANCE BIT IS JUST THE KIND OF INFO THE REGIMENT SHOULD HAVE!



A THOUSAND YARDS FURTHER, WE WERE SUDDENLY CHALLENGED!

HALT! WER DA? UH.. LOHENGRIN!





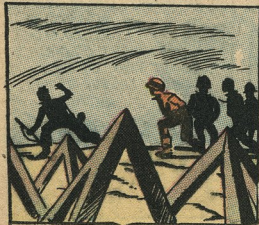
# BATTLEFIELD ACTION



BUT WHEN ONE OF THEM TRIED TO BUZZ THE ALARM...



THE TRIP BACK WAS A NIGHTMARE THAT STRETCHED FOR HOURS!



WHEN WE HAD THEM TRUSSED AND GAGGED, I GAVE THEM THE SCORE IN THEIR OWN LINGO!



BUT ONCE BACK IN OUR OWN C.P., WE FORGOT IT AND WENT TO WORK! THEY WERE SCARED AND TALKED PLENTY!

WE TURNED THE 'JERRIES' OVER TO THE M.P.S AND HEADED FOR THE REGIMENTAL C.P.!

JA, THE MINEFIELDS... ALL THROUGH FRONT ... ALL KINDS, TELLER UND PERSONNEL!

THAT CHECKS WITH THESE MAPS, SARGE! AND THESE DOCUMENTS ARE A REAL WINDFALL! THEY TELL EVERYTHING!



WAIT FOR ME, FELLERS! I WANT THE GLORY SPREAD AROUND!

I WISH YOU LUCK, HANK! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT "OLD IRON PANTS" WILL DO!





# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

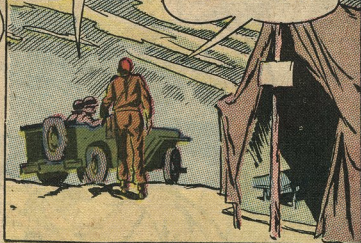
WHEN WE HIT THE C.P. ...

BUT SIR, WE WERE IN A JERRY BUNKER! WE HAVE MAPS AND DOCUMENTS THAT ARE UP TO THE MINUTE ... I JUST WANT YOU TO LOOK AT THEM!

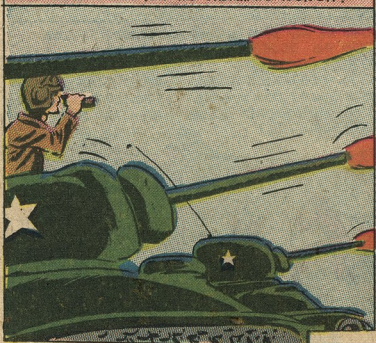
I'M STARTING A PUSH TOMORROW RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE, AND YOU BUST IN WITH THIS GARBAGE! GET OUT AND FIND SOME SOUVENIRS! IF YOU BOTHER ME AGAIN, I'LL HAVE YOU COURT-MARTIALED!

I HAD A FEELING IT WOULDN'T WORK! AAAH, WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

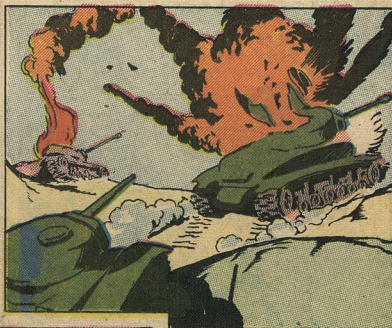
I DON'T KNOW! I GUESS WE'LL PULL OUT TOMORROW AND REPORT TO INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS FOR RE ASSIGNMENT! WE'RE JUST LICKED HERE!



ZERO HOUR CAME AND THE SHERMAN'S TOOK OFF!



BUT WHEN THEY REACHED THE FIRST SIEGFRIED LINE OBSTACLES ...



... THE ATTACK GROUND TO A HALT, AND THE 101 ST PULLED BACK UNDER WITHERING FIRE!



BACK AT THE FARMHOUSE WHICH THE COLONEL WAS USING AS A FORWARD C.P. ---

TWENTY-SEVEN TANKS LOST, AND WE DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT! WHAT'S THE REPORT ON OUR INFANTRY, CAPTAIN?

BAD, SIR! WE'VE HAD TO PULL EVERY COMPANY BACK! THE FIRE FROM THOSE BUNKERS IS AWFUL! ANOTHER FRONTAL ATTACK WOULD BE SUICIDE!

I COULDN'T STAND LISTENING ANYMORE! I SIGNALLED MY MEN TO MOVE OUT! BUT SUPPLYMEN...

WAIT A MINUTE! WHERE ARE YOU BIG BRAINS GOING? MAYBE I'VE BEEN PIG-HEADED... I DON'T KNOW! BUT YOU SEE WE'RE IN A JAM AND ANY INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT! WE WERE RETURNING TO OUR HEADQUARTERS, BUT I'LL BE GLAD TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE PICKED UP LAST NIGHT, COLONEL! I THINK IT'S THE ANSWER TO THIS SITUATION!





# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

I WENT OVER THE COMPLETE REPORT, PINPOINTING EVERY JERRY POSITION, UNTIL ...

HOW DO I KNOW ALL THIS IS ON THE LEVEL? ACCORDING TO YOUR REPORT, ALL WE NEED IS ENGINEERS AND INFANTRY IN A REAR ACTION SURPRISE ATTACK! WHY NO TANKS?

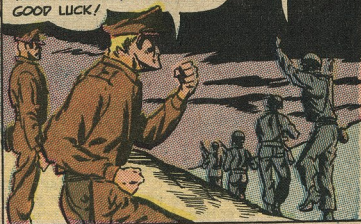
BECAUSE THE ONLY WEAK POINT IN THE ENTIRE SETUP IS THIS RIDGE WHICH JERRY WAS UNABLE TO MINE ... THE AREA WAS ALWAYS UNDER FIRE! TANKS CAN'T MAKE IT UP THERE,



IT TOOK HOURS TO CONVINCE HIM, BUT FINALLY, AS NIGHT FELL ---

ALL RIGHT, I'LL BLAST THOSE PILLBOXES WITH EVERY PIECE OF ARTILLERY FOR THIRTY MINUTES! THIS WILL GIVE YOU TIME TO PULL THE SNEAK! I HOPE TO HEAVEN IT WORKS! GOOD LUCK!

WE'LL SEND UP ROCKETS WHEN THE MISSION'S ACCOMPLISHED!



WHILE THE JERRIES BUTTONED UP UNDER THE ARTILLERY, WE HIT INTO LIGHT OPPOSITION ON THE RIDGE ...

WE'RE IN! HEAD FOR THE AREA BEHIND THE BUNKERS! THEY CAN'T SPOT US THERE!

WHY DIDN'T WE DO THIS BEFORE? IT'S A PUSHOVER!



THEN THE ENGINEERS PROVE HOME THEIR SATCHEL CHARGES!

THEY'LL BE COMING OUT OF THOSE TRAPS SOON YELLING KAMERAD!



AN HOUR LATER THE SIEGFRIED LINE WAS CRACKED WIDE OPEN!



ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING

THERE ISN'T MUCH LEFT OF THESE **SOUVENIRS**, COLONEL, BUT WE'RE GLAD WE HELPED MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

FELLERS, I SHOULD BEND OVER AND ASSUME THE ANGLE, BUT I'M TOO OLD FOR THAT! INSTEAD, LET ME PUT IN MY BATTLE REPORT THAT COMBAT INTERROGATION TEAM SEVENTEEN LED THE REGIMENT IN BREAKING THE SIEGFRIED LINE, IN ACTION ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY!





# D-DAY PLUS TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR

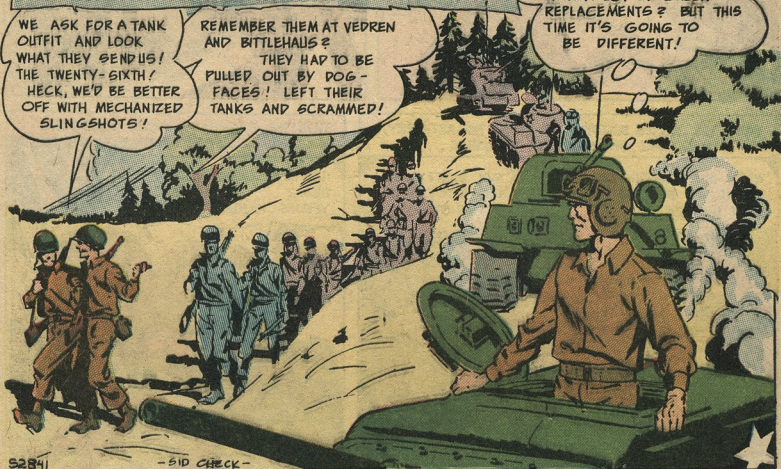
THERE WAS NO MISTAKING WHAT THEY THOUGHT AS WE ROARED PAST! OUR TANK BATTALION HAD ABOUT THE WORST REPUTATION ON RECORD... THREE ENGAGEMENTS AND THREE BLUNDERS! MAYBE WE WERE GREEN? MAYBE OUR BAPTISM UNDER FIRE HAD BEEN TOO BRUTAL? IT DIDN'T MATTER! WE HAD ANOTHER CHANCE AT DAMMELSBURG! COULD WE ERASE THAT RECORD???

WE ASK FOR A TANK OUTFIT AND LOOK WHAT THEY SEND US! THE TWENTY-SIXTH! HECK, WE'D BE BETTER OFF WITH MECHANIZED SLINGSHOTS!

REMEMBER THEM AT VEDREN AND BITTLEHAUS?

THEY HAD TO BE PULLED OUT BY DOG-FACES! LEFT THEIR TANKS AND SCRAMMED!

YEAH, I REMEMBER ... ONLY TOO WELL! WHAT DID THEY EXPECT WITH A LOT OF GREEN REPLACEMENTS? BUT THIS TIME IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT!



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-SID CHECK-

DID YOU SEE THE WAY THOSE INFANTRYMEN LOOKED AT US...? SCORN! ...THE OLD 26 TH SCORN!

MAYBE WE DESERVE IT! AAAH ... FORGET IT! WE'VE GOT A BRIEFING! LET'S GO!



MAJOR BLAINE HAD THE OLD CHALK BOARD OUT ...

OUR OBJECT IS TO BREAK THROUGH THESE FORTIFICATIONS RINGING THE TOWN OF DAMMELSBURG! IT MEANS A GREAT DEAL BECAUSE INSIDE THAT TOWN IS STALAG 90 CONTAINING ABOUT A THOUSAND AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR!





# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

THEN CAME OUR INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS...



I WALKED INTO A 'DOGFACE' BIVOUAC ... AND WHAT I HEARD MADE ME SEE RED!



THEY SPOTTED ME BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO DUCK!



WE REALLY DREW A CROWD, INCLUDING SEVERAL OFFICERS!





# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

WHEN THE MAJOR DRAGGED ME AWAY...

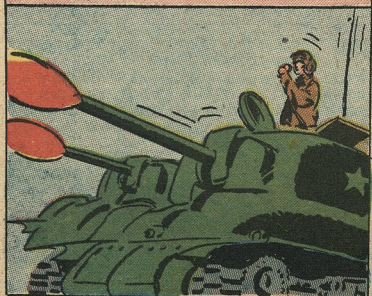
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT OUR BATTALION?

YES... AND WHAT'S MORE, THEY'LL KEEP SAYING IT, AND YOU CAN'T BEAT UP EVERY 'DOGFACE' TO CONVINCE HIM IT'S DIFFERENT! SAVE YOUR FIGHTING FOR COMBAT, SERGEANT... THAT'S WHERE IT COUNTS! NOW

GET SOME SLEEP!



WE OPENED WITH A THIRTY MINUTE BARRAGE, ZEROING IN ON THE BUNKERS JUST OUTSIDE PAMMELSBURG!



HEY... WHO HUNG THAT ON YOU, ART? WHAT HAPPENED?

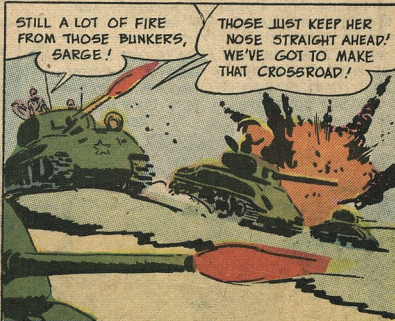
NOTHING! I RAN INTO A TANK IN THE DARK LAST NIGHT! LET'S GET MOVING TO OUR ASSEMBLY POINT!



AND THEN WE JUMPED OFF!

STILL A LOT OF FIRE FROM THOSE BUNKERS, SARGE!

THOSE JUST KEEP HER NOSE STRAIGHT AHEAD! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE THAT CROSSROAD!



WHEN WE GOT IN CLOSE, JERRY 88'S BEGAN TO CLOBBER US!



JUST AS WE REACHED OUR OBJECTIVE ---

WOW! WE STOPPED A BIG ONE!

YIII! THEY GOT OUR TREADS... BUT WE'RE PARKED RIGHT ON TARGET! SHE WON'T BLOW... THE MAGAZINE'S ALL RIGHT!





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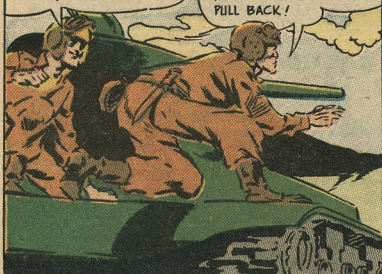




# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

THEY STOPPED ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN IN OUR PLATOON ... FELLERS ARE PULLIN' OUT... HOW ABOUT US, SARGE?

WE'RE SURROUNDED BY JERRIES AND LOOK AT OUR WEAPONS! WE CAN'T FIGHT WITH BARE HANDS! WE'LL HAVE TO PULL BACK!



I COULD SEE THE EXPRESSIONS ON THEIR FACES AS WE CAME BACK!

WELL, SORT OF EXPECTED YOU BACK ... BUT NOT SO SOON!

WHATSAMATTER, KIDS? TOO ROUGH OUT THERE?



THE JERRIES DIDN'T EXPECT OUR MAD CHARGE FROM BEHIND THE WRECKED TANKS!

IN! IN! C'MON YOU TIN CAN SOLDIERS! POUR IT ON!

YAHOO! LOOK AT THOSE NAZIS BARREL OUT!



FOLLOW ME!.. KEEP LOW!



BUT SEVERAL MOMENTS LATER AFTER WE'D GRABBED AND HOOKED EVERY WEAPON WE COULD LAY OUR HANDS ON!

O.K.MEN, BACK TO YOUR POSITIONS! USE YOUR TANKS AS SCREENS!

WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT! THEY'RE GOING BACK OUT THERE! THEY ONLY COME IN TO GRAB WEAPONS!



WE WERE EVEN TOO BUSY TO NOTICE WE HAD COMPANY!

DON'T LOOK NOW, FELLERS, BUT THE INFANTRY'S HERE!

SWELL JOB, FELLERS! YOU'VE GOT THEM ON THE RUN ALL ALONG THE LINE! WE'LL BE IN THAT STALAG IN NO TIME!





# BATTLEFIELD ACTION

DAMMELSBURG WAS OURS! WHEN WE OPENED THE STALAG DOORS, WE FELT LIBERATED OURSELVES, FREE OF THE OLD DOUBTS AND FEARS THAT HAD HUNG SO HEAVILY OVER THE BATTALION!

IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR THEM AND FOR US! ALL WE NEEDED WAS A SPARK!

IT'S A NEW BATTALION YOU'VE GOT, MAJOR! WE'LL NEVER LET YOU DOWN, AGAIN!



EVEN THE INFANTRY CAME TO SQUARE THEIR PESTS!

SGT. BARON, I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING KNOCKED DOWN BY YOU... AND I'VE BROUGHT MY WHOLE PLATOON ALONG TO SEE MY BIG MOUTH BITE THE DUST THE WAY IT DESERVES!

NOT REALLY, SGT! YOU ONLY REPEATED WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THOUGHT! MAYBE HEARING IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN WAS WHAT WE NEEDED TO GET MAD ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING! LET'S SHAKE IT OFF, SARGE!



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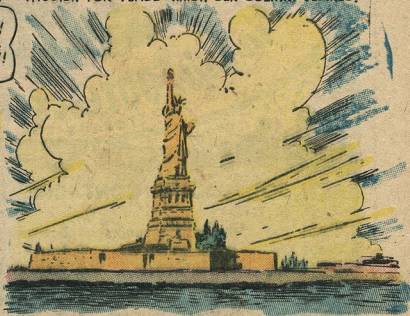
M/SGT. BARON  
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BY SOME ODD COINCIDENCE, OUR FIVE HEROES SETTLED IN THE SAME AREA, AND NATURALLY JOINED THE SAME VETERANS' GROUP!

THUS THE LEGENDS, THE MEMORIES ARE PRESERVED... AND OUT OF THESE, COME THE UNITY AND PASSION FOR PEACE WHICH OUR COUNTRY DESIRES!

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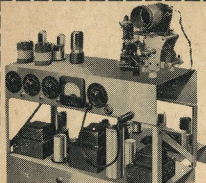
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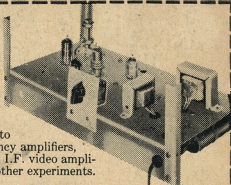


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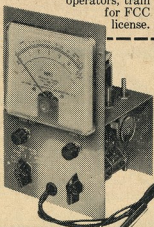
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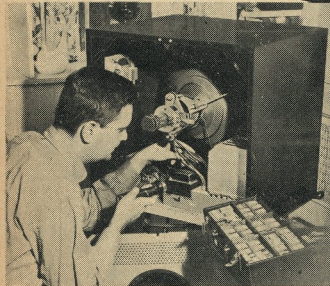
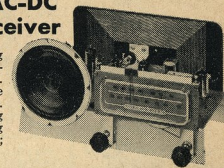
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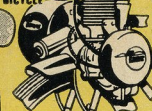
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